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Hongkong, 26th March, 1916.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

For months of May, June, July and August.
NO. 41, THE PEAK, adjoining Peak Club.
Rent about \$170.
Apply to—
F. C. JENKIN,
Princo's Buildings,
Hongkong, 29th March, 1916. [476]

TO LET.

FURNISHED HOUSE, Seven Living
Rooms, etc., with Garden.
Apply—
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
20, Bonham Road,
Hongkong, 29th March, 1916. [471]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

LA HACIENDA WEST, 73, THE PEAK,
for 5 or 6 months, from Middle May.
Apply—
W. MURRAY SCOTT,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1916. [470]

TO LET.

FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED,
CRAIGMIN EAST, 180, PEAK, Five
Rooms, semi-detached. Moderate rent. Year
or longer.
Apply—
T. K. DEALY,
180, Peak,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1916. [464]

TO LET.

NO. 4, DES VIGUE ROAD CENTRAL,
First Floor.
No. 5, ROBINSON ROAD, "STONE-
BRIDGE," DWELLING HOUSES containing
Five Rooms and Out-houses.
Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [415]

TO LET.

NO. 1, TOGO TERRACE, Kennedy Road.
Apply—
LI FUK TSAU,
Care of Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST,
8, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1916. [355]

TO LET.

NEWLY-BUILT FLATS, in SAIFER
TERRACE, Nathan Road, also
SIMILAR FLATS in Jordan Road, Kowloon.
Rents very moderate.
Electric Light and Gas installed.
Apply to—
KAYAMALLY & Co.,
5, D'Agallier Street,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1916. [356]

TO LET.

OFFICES, 5, Daddell Street.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [295]

TO LET.

NO. 11, GAGE STREET, immediate posses-
sion.
Apply to—
J. VINCENT BRAGA,
Toyo Kisen Kaisha,
Hongkong, 16th November, 1915. [100]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Knutsford Terrace,
Kowloon.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 24th October, 1915. [37]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMED-FLATS in Nathan Road,
Kowloon.
THREE ROOMED-FLATS in Humphrey's
Buildings, Kowloon.
FOUR ROOMED-FLATS in May Road,
with every modern convenience, including
English Bath and Kitchen Ranges, Hot
Water and Water Carriage System. A few
flats specially designed to accommodate three
bachelors at reasonable rentals. Immediate
possession.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCIAL
CO., LTD.,
Alexandra Buildings
Hongkong, 29th December, 1915. [277]

COMPANY MEETING.

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING
CO., LTD.

The 34th annual general meeting of the
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., was held
at the office of the general agents, Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yester-
day. The Hon. Mr. David Landale (Chair-
man) presided, and those also present were:
—Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, H. P. White
(Consulting Committee); H. W. Looker,
legal adviser; C. W. Beswick (Secretary);
R. Sutherland, L. N. Lee, G. H. Potts,
G. C. Moxon, E. F. Aucott, B. W. F.
Beith, E. A. Beaumont, F. M. P. de Graca,
J. A. M. de Graca, T. W. Hornby, K. de
C. Longmire, N. MacIntyre, R. E. Mc-
Dougall, C. L. Maxwell, J. M. da Rocha,
A. B. Stewart, C. S. Remedios, P. Tester,
W. E. Van Eps, C. Woodhead, G. H. Bow-
ker, A. H. G. Jackson, M. L. Raiton, N.
L. H. Raiton, P. Ted and Chon Po Sion.
The Secretary read the notice convening
the meeting, after which

The CHAIRMAN said:—The report and
accounts with the auditor's certificate at-
tached having been in your hands for the
past week or two, I will, with your permis-
sion, take them as read. Owing to the war
in Europe and the elimination of the best
competition the refinery has benefited by
the better conditions that have prevailed in
the sugar markets of the Far East, and it
is with great pleasure that after so many
unfortunate years we have been able to
clear off the old debt at profit and less ac-
count and have sufficient profit in hand to
make a return to the shareholders and carry
forward a balance to the new account.
There is one matter which has not been
referred to in the report, but which your
general agents and Consulting Committee
wish to bring before you, and that is the
services of Mr. Galbraith and the foreign
staff at the refinery. We consider they
should be granted a bonus based upon 15
per cent. on their salaries, and if you agree
to this we will arrange the matter with our
Manila agents. As this meeting is to be
followed by a special meeting of share-
holders at which I will deal with the pos-
sibility and prospects of the Company, I sug-
gest that we proceed with the formal busi-
ness of this meeting.

Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and H. P.
White were re-elected to the consulting
committee, on the motion of Mr. SUTHER-
LAND, seconded by Mr. BEAUMONT.
Mr. L. N. LEE proposed, and Mr.
LONGMIRE seconded, the re-appointment of
Mr. A. R. Lowe as auditor at a remunera-
tion of \$60.
The CHAIRMAN announced that dividend
warrants would be ready to-day.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
Company followed.
The Secretary read the notice convening
the meeting for the purpose of considering
the following extraordinary resolutions:—
(1)—That it is desirable to re-construct
the Company, and accordingly that the
Company be wound up voluntarily and that
Arthur Rylands, of Victoria, in the Colony of
Hongkong, chartered accountant, be and he
is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose
of such winding up and that Article 124 of
the Company's Articles of Association be
cancelled accordingly.

(2)—That Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., the General Agents of this
Company, be authorised and requested to
procure the incorporation in the Philippine
Islands of a new Company to be called the
Luzon Sugar Refining Company (of which
Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co., Ltd., shall be
appointed by agreement General
Managers) with Articles of Incorporation
and Bye-laws in such form as the General
Agents shall approve.

(3)—That the draft Agreement sub-
mitted to this meeting marked "A,"
and expressed to be made between
this Company and its Liquidator of the
one part and the Luzon Sugar
Company of the other part be and
the same is hereby approved and
that the said Liquidator be and he
is hereby authorised pursuant to
Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance
1911 to enter into an Agree-
ment with such new Company (when
incorporated) upon the terms of the
said draft Agreement and to carry
the same into effect with such (if
any) modifications as he thinks
expedient.

(4)—That the said Liquidator be
authorised to obtain advances from
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., of any moneys requisite upon
such terms as he sees fit and to
make arrangements if he thinks fit
for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., to continue managing
the affairs of the Company on such
terms as he thinks fit until the
undertaking of the Company is
handed over to the said Luzon
Sugar Company pursuant to any
Agreement entered into by virtue
of Resolution No. 3.

Should the above Resolutions be passed
by the required majority they will be sub-
mitted for confirmation as Special Resolu-
tions to a second Extraordinary General
Meeting which will be subsequently
convened.

The CHAIRMAN said:—This meeting has
been called to consider the special Resolu-
tions which have been duly advertised in
the Hongkong Government Gazette and the
local Press and also circulated to share-
holders on the 10th March last. At the
same time addressed a circular letter to
shareholders briefly outlining the proposals
for the reconstruction of the Company. I
will endeavour briefly to give you the
reasons why we consider in the
interests of the Company this step should
be taken. In the first place it is
very necessary that some additions
should be made to the plant and machinery.
You quite realise that the plant we are
now working with is an old one and that
the Company has not of late years been in
a position to make the modern additions
there to the extent that we would have
liked. The cost roughly speaking of the
machinery that is required is about
\$200,000, but was the estimated before
the war. It will of course cost more now
and probably take longer to obtain. The
machinery is necessary to carry on the
efficient working of the refinery and I must
frankly say to you that my firm do not
wisely provide this sum as an additional
advance to the Company. It is not be-
cause we look upon the security as insuffi-
cient that we have come to this decision.
I hope to be able to show you later on
that the Company is in quite a sound
financial position, a much better one
than it has been for a number of years.
It is a Company which works in a
country outside our sphere of operations
where we have no office of our own, and
consequently where we are able to exercise
very little real control over the business
in which it is engaged. We consider that
the cost of the new machinery is a capital
expenditure which should be provided by
the shareholders. In order to provide this
new capital therefore a reconstruction of
the Company is necessary. This brings us
to the consideration of the best means of
reconstruction in the interests of the Com-
pany, that is, in the interests of the share-
holders. As I have already said, the Com-
pany works outside of the sphere of my
firm, its affairs have always been con-
ducted in a most able manner, by our
Manila agents, Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co.
We have it from them that there would
be advantage to the undertaking if it were
to become a Company incorporated under
the laws of the Philippines both in business
between America and Manila and in tend-
ering for Government requirements. It
seems to us therefore that since a recon-
struction is necessary we should make a
thorough business of it and start with
very advantages, and to continue a busi-
ness the prospect for which can only be
described as promising. I may here say to
you that the estimated profits made in
January were about \$11,000 and in Feb-
ruary about \$14,000, a total of \$25,000, so
this year has commenced quite favourably.
Taking this step I would again impress
upon you that you are really making no
change in the practical management of the
Company. Now as regards the financial
position of the Company—if you will turn
to the accounts which we have just passed
you will see that the total of your real-
isable assets, without taking the value of
the property and refinery into account,
is \$500,432.00, against which the advances
and accounts payable only come to
\$375,080.55, leaving a surplus of
\$124,726.25. A recent valuation of the
property and refinery gave a figure of
\$373,150. Upon reconstruction you will
therefore have the balance of \$60,000 odd
that is being carried forward, your new
Capital of \$210,000, and your property,
as unencumbered assets. The new Com-
pany should consequently be in quite a
good position to renew such machinery as
requires renewal and to borrow such
working capital as it may require for the
conduct of its business. Speaking for my
firm I may say that we much regret
that the time has come for us to
retire from the management of the
Luzon Sugar Refinery, but we are con-
fident that the future of the Com-
pany is safe in the hands of Messrs. Smith,
Bell & Co. In this connection I may say,
until the new Philippine Company is for-
med it is not possible under the laws of
these Islands to make a definite agreement
with Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co. as
managers, so we are willing to represent
the shareholders and negotiate an agree-
ment with Messrs. Smith, Bell & Co., as
managers of the Company and I shall en-
deavour to have an initial draft of that
agreement on the table for the information
of shareholders at the confirmatory meet-
ing which it will be necessary for us to
hold to confirm these resolutions if they are
passed to-day. I will now formally pro-
pose the various resolutions and I would
ask you gentlemen in your own interests
to record your votes in favour of them.
The first resolution was proposed by
the CHAIRMAN and seconded by Mr. BONNAR;
the second resolution was proposed from
the chair and seconded by Mr. VAN EPS;
the third resolution was proposed from
the chair and seconded by Mr. JACKSON;
the fourth resolution was proposed from
the chair and seconded by Mr. POTTES.
All the resolutions were unanimously
carried.

The CHAIRMAN intimated the resolutions
would have to be passed at a confirmatory
meeting to be convened.

SHELL FIRE AND SHOCK.

EFFECT ON THE CENTRAL
NERVOUS SYSTEM.

The war has made possible a degree of
organisation in medical research such as
could hardly have been contemplated before
it. As a factor of the National Health
Insurance, the Medical Research Committee
had a great deal of useful work before it,
but the war concentrated its activities by
furnishing such imperative subjects of re-
search as infectious disease in armies,
wound infections, organised methods of
sanitation, after-effects of wounds arising
from septic conditions or from nerve in-
jury. The committee, under the presidency
of Lord Moulton and consisting of repre-
sentatives of the army, the Government, and
of science, and owing not a little to its
secretary, Dr. W. M. Fletcher, F.R.S., has
enlisted or commanded the best brains
of the country in combined attack on the
problems arising in these circumstances,
and has arranged for co-ordinated examina-
tion of all the "material" which the
casualties of war supply.

Thus all the "nerve" cases which are
sent to the military hospitals are examined
by trained observers, and all the symptoms,
injuries and peculiarities noted on a com-
mon plan. Fifty neurologists, among them
the most brilliant and the ablest men, give
their services to this work, and the exami-
nation is conducted both in England and
in the hospitals in France and Flanders.
Thus every "nerve case" is now care-
fully indexed. The observers can compare notes
and correlate information, and meetings are
held to discuss cases, tendencies, and treat-
ment. A standard practice of the inquiry
and treatment will emerge, and it will be
valuable in civil life as well as in warfare.

WHAT IS SHELL-SHOCK?

For, although the war creates a great
number of nervous injuries, the symptoms
most often follow those in groups of cases
already known. The most often-named
nervous injury is that of "shell-shock."
What is shell-shock? It may be a very large
number of things in which shells have
played little or no part. The commonest
form is a simple concussion, which may
take place because the victim has been in
reach of the wind of a high-explosive shell
when it burst, or may have been sand-bag-
ged behind a parapet if the shell has burst
very near the outside of the trench. In
neither case will the patient be able to say
what happened, because concussion of this
kind will obliterate the memory of every-
thing that happened for some time, it may
be some hours before he was injured. The
symptoms of this kind of shell-shock are
the same as those of concussion in civil life,
and are followed by similar complications.
But though this kind of nervous effect is
the only one attributable directly to a
shell, there are a number of other condi-
tions, popularly termed shell-shock which
are only indirectly due to it. Thus there
is the dazed condition into which officers or
men may fall after a period of severe shel-
ling, and in which, though the memory is
continuous, the mind is dulled, and the
conduct becomes "curious." A third con-
dition is that in which men, apparently
sound and who have been going on without
noticeable harm, break down after a heavy
shelling. If removed to a place of safety
they sleep, but they cannot be moved back
to the trenches again, because they are
abnormally sensitive to noise. Any loud
noise will undo them, which is why some
of the complaints from convalescents about
cabbaghting in London are so heart-rending
and so well founded.

OTHER CASES.

There are several other groups of cases,
some of which can be classified as the effects
of strain or want of sleep on an already
overwrought nervous system; some
resemble re-awakened neurasthenia or
hysteria, and there are a few of insanity,
but these are very rare, and have been
eliminated. Nearly all can be remedied by
proper neurological treatment, and the
amount of information now accumulating
in the hands of the Medical Research Com-
mittee is of high value in practice.
Shell-shock is only one form of nervous
affection. For classificatory purposes in-
juries are grouped under damage to the
brain, to the peripheral nerves, and to the
spine. The brain may be damaged by con-
cussion, or by pieces of bone flicked into
it, or by other damage to the skull; the
spine may be injured by bruising the spinal
cord (wounds in the neck forming a curious
sub-division). The peripheral nerves (of
the arm, the leg, etc.) may suffer direct
injury and paralysis may result as in the
former examples. All these injuries, and
their symptoms are now being catalogued
and indexed for reference.

CHINESE POLITICAL AGENT
MURDERED IN SINGA-
PORE.

A murder which is regarded by the police
as a sequel to political intrigues in Chinese
circles was perpetrated last week at the
corner of Japan Street and Cecil Street,
Singapore. The victim, known as Chew
Yow Ming, was a political agent for the
Chinese Government, and familiar to certain
Chinese in Singapore. Some little time be-
fore midnight, last night, he left a lodging
house in Amoy Street, and so it would seem
proceeded straight to Japan Street. At the
junction of that thoroughfare with Cecil
Street he was set upon and stabbed in the
abdomen. An occupant of one of the houses
close by heard means and, upon looking out
into the street, saw the man lying on the
ground. The alarm was raised and the
wounded man moved to hospital. He was
beyond all hope, however, and died almost
immediately. Suspicion attaches to a man
known as Yang King Koo, who, under the
Sun Yat Sen régime, is said to have held a
governorship. At any rate, it is said that
he and the murdered man have often been
known to indulge in violent arguments, and
as a precautionary measure the police have
taken him into custody while they make
their enquiries.

A Civil and Military Gazette special
cable says General Sarraill, formerly com-
mandant at Verdun, interviewed by the
Hestia (Athens) said the Germans are fling
themselves against a wall behind which
there is nothing. Verdun is merely a post
in the line stretching from Neuport to
Switzerland.

COMPANY REPORT.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LTD.

Subject to audit the Directors of this
Company will recommend that a final
dividend of \$20 and a bonus dividend of
\$10 per share be paid for account 1914,
making \$30 per share for the year, an
interim dividend of \$30 per share for 1915,
and a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributory
premium. They will further recommend
that \$50,000 be passed to Reinsurance
Fund, leaving \$1,550,000 to be carried
forward to Underwriting Suspense Ac-
count, thus closing the account for 1914.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS BY LT.-COL. A. CHAPMAN, V.D.

1.—Pte. J. Martin is granted leave of
absence from 1st April, 1916, to 1st
April, 1917.
Pte. C. G. Anderson is granted leave of
absence from 2nd April, 1916, to
2nd April, 1917.

ENGINEER COMPANY. Belcher's
Detachment will parade as follows:—
Engine drivers, at 6.10 p.m.; Electric-
ians, at 6.30 p.m.; "Lycouna
Reliefs" from 1st to 15th April is
posted on the notice board at Head-
quarters for information of all con-
cerned.

SIGNALLING SECTION.
3.—Captain E. D. C. Wolfe will take com-
mand of this Section from this date
until further notice.

PARADES.

4.—Parades for Saturday, 1st April:—
7.30 a.m. Members of Signalling Sec-
tion and other Signallers, as detail-
ed in Signalling Section order,
dated 28th December, 1915. Morse
flag and Heligraph practice at
Headquarters.
2.30 p.m. Musketry (Part II.) at
King's Park Range. Reference
Corps Order No. 5, dated 29th
March, 1916, the following (as well
as others, if any) will wear Part II.
on Saturday, 1st April:—Trained
Men's Course, Pte. G. Miskin
(Scouts Co.) Reconnits Course, Ptes.
P. Burn (Scouts Co.), Hurlie, Ogley,
and J. Rodrigues (Sig. Section).
Lt.-Cpl. Chaves and Pte. C. Ribeiro
(Sig. Sec.) will attend for telephone
duty.

PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

On the same days this week, except
Scouts Co. who will parade on
Tuesday, 4th April, at 5.15 p.m. for
Company drill.

5.—On duty to-morrow: Left Section
M.G. Co.
Orderly Officer: Lieut. Kenneth
G. E. STEWART, Capt.
Adjutant, H.K.V.C.

VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

ORDERS BY MAJOR WALKMAN, O.C. H.K.V.C.

DETAIL.

On duty till the morning of April 7th:
H.K.V.C.
Next for duty: "A" Co. H.K.V.C.
PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY,
8TH APRIL.

"A" Co. on the road outside the Law
Courts on Tuesday, 4th April, at 5.15
p.m.; Dress: Drill order.

"B" Co. on Friday, 7th April. Kowloon
Dock and Taikeo Sections on the Polo
Ground at 3.30 p.m.; remainder on the
road outside the Law Courts at 5.15
p.m.; Dress: Drill order.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground on Mon-
day, 3rd April, Wednesday, 5th April,
Thursday, 6th April, at 5.15 p.m.,
under Drill Instructor Sergt. Osborn.
Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Head-
quarters on Monday, 3rd April, Wednesday,
5th April, and Friday, 7th April, at
5.15 p.m. Uniform to be worn.

MACHINE GUN SECTIONS.
Machine Gun Section will parade at Wel-
lington Barracks on Monday, 3rd
April, and Thursday, 6th April, at 5.30
p.m., under Lieut. Thorpe.

G. K. H. BRUTON, Capt.,
Adjutant, H.K.V.C.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

COMMENDATION.

Sergeant Chan Siu Tong and P.C. Chao
Man Chan, Ip Kwan and Wong Tai
Kow, of the Hongkong Police Reserve
Ambulance Platoon, are commended by
the Capt. Supt. of Police for zeal and
alertness in turning out to attend a
poisoning case at Nos. 2 and 9 Peking
West, Kennedy Town, on the 18th Feb-
ruary last.

ARMY, NAVY AND POLICE SHOOT TEAM.
The following are required to leave Blake
Pier, at 11.30 a.m., on Sunday, April
2nd:—Mason, Roylance, Sirdar Khan,
Silva Netto, Butterfield, James Wong,
Lindsay, Penning, E. S. Ford, A. D.
Barretto, O. Chan, S. Moosdeen.

NO. 2 COMPANY.
All Martins must be returned to Armoury
on Monday, April 3rd, between the
hours of 5.15 p.m. and 6.15 p.m.

ORDERLY INSPECTOR.
For week commencing April 3rd:—Inspec-
tor Un Hew Fan.

MOUNTED PATROLS.
Riding Master Clegg, attached to this
detachment, is now transferred by
courtesy of O.C. H.K.V.C.

Trooper S. R. Waller is transferred from
Scouts Company by courtesy of O.C.
H.K.V.C.

Trooper Arentz is passed for Patrol.
Troopers who have offered themselves for
duty on Saturday will attend Stables,
at 4 p.m. Those for Sunday will be
warned as to attending Stables.

COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR.
Crown Sergeant Peter Wong is appointed
C.S.M. for Nos. 3 and 4 Companies.

QUARTERS ROOM CLERK.
P.C. R.109 Mok Lai Sang becomes
D.S.P.'s O.R. O. from April 1st.

N.O.S. OF NO. 2 COMPANY.
All Crown Sergeants and Sergeants of No.
2 Company will parade in Uniform
under Company Sergeant-Major Alves
at Central Station on Tuesday, April
4th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

F. O. JENKIN,
D.S.P. (R.).

TO LET.

RAVENSHILL EAST, Park Road,
containing 6 Rooms, 3 Bath Rooms,
Servants' Quarters, &c. Vacant 1st November.
Apply—
DEACON, LOOKER, DEACON &
HARSTON,
Hongkong, 19th October, 1915. [390]

TO LET.

OFFICES at 2, Connaught Road.
OFFICES in King's Buildings,
OFFICES in Des Vaux Road Central.
HOUSES in CLIFTON GARDENS
Conduit Road.
NEW HOUSES in Broadwood Terrace.
HOUSES at the Peak.
No. 1, MORETON TERRACE, Causeway
Bay.
GODOWNS, at Wanohai.
Nos. 1, 2 and 3, WEST END TERRACE
CANTON.
Apply—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 4th November 1915. [32]

GODOWNS FOR SALE

NOS. 125 and 127 WANCHAI ROAD.
Apply to—
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Liquidators,
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,
Hongkong, 18th March, 1916. [424]

FOR SALE.

RICHMOND HOUSE, No. 145, Barker
Road, Also,
"DUNOTTAR" No. 81, Aberdeen Road.
HASTINGS & HASTINGS,
Solicitors.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1916. [371]

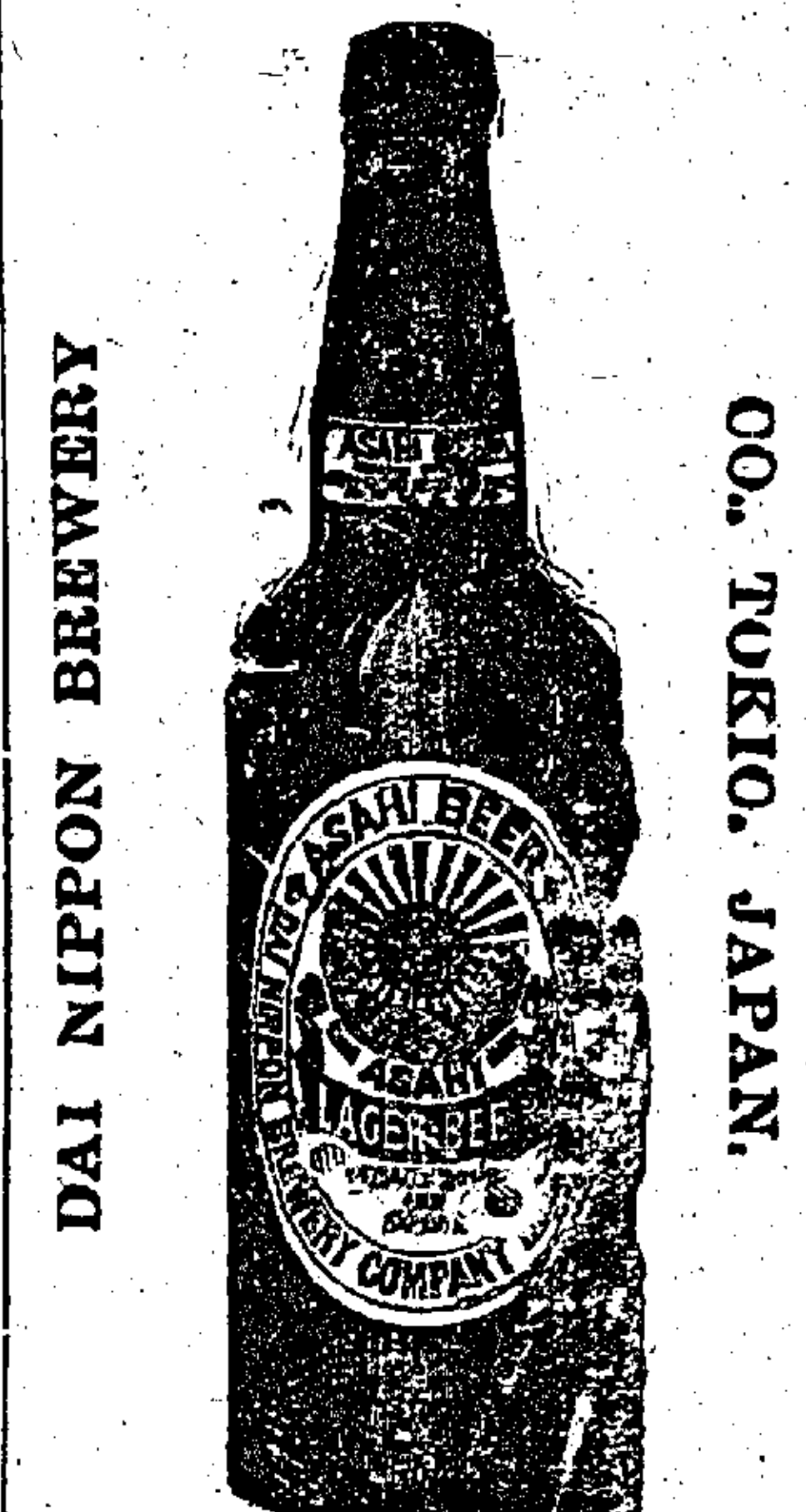
WANTED.

SMALL FURNISHED HOUSE, THE
PEAK, from July 20th to Sept. 10th.
Apply—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1916. [438]

WANTED.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE or
PARTIAL BOARD. Private family
preferred.
Replies to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1916. [477]

ASAHI BEER



OBTAINABLE EVERYWHERE

SOLE AGENTS

WITSU BUSSAN KAISHA

HONGKONG.

ALL PASSENGERS RESCUED.

The vessel is estimated to be about 13 feet on the rocks. Her bows have been seriously damaged, but so long as she remains hard and fast in her present position, between two great overhanging rocks in front of a cliff ascending almost perpendicularly to a height of nearly 150 feet it is thought that there is little danger. There is about 20 feet of water in the hol-

In the course of a conversation, Bishop Brent, who is on his way back to America, said he was much impressed by the quiet courage and self-possession of the

On the Club Ground this afternoon
Club team:—Muir; F. W. Black and J.
McCubbin; M. L. Railton, J. Stewart, and
F. J. Dickie; N. V. Croucher, J. Ho-
ger, T. R. Chasse's, J. F. Stalker and W.
V. Pennell.

The new game was a very one-sided affair. Dr. Graper for the Gunners playing a fast game and defeating Sergt. Hart of the Medicals by 119.

For the final bout of the session Sergt. Ross, R.G.A., oppoed Q.M.S. Robinson, R.A.M.C. and after a moderate game in which neither player showed his true form the former won by 53. Scores:—

As the result of the four games played so far between these teams, 88 Co. played by 181 points. There are four more games to be decided.

The above Teas represent exceptional values at our Prices. Grade for grade, will show considerable saving. You will find it a decided economy to use these High-Grade Teas, as they will go farther and make a better Tea than the Lower Grades.

[39] Hong Kong, 15th September, 1945.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TO LET.

FURNISHED, 4 FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, on Mount Parish, Wanchai, for six months. Electric Light and Telephone installed.
Apply—**D. V. STEAVENSON,**
Care of DEACON, LOCKER, DEACON & HARTSON.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [492]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED MY OFFICE to the Top Floor of the ALEXANDRA BUILDING.
U. C. GALLUZZI,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [493]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE ITALIAN CONSULATE has this day been REMOVED to the Top Floor of the ALEXANDRA BUILDING.
U. C. GALLUZZI,
Acting Consul for Italy.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [494]

NOTICE.

THIS is to advise the Public that the undersigned, Agents and the Captain or Owners of the str. "CITY OF PUERTO" are not responsible for any Debts Contracted by the str. "CITY OF PUERTO".
THE ROBERT DOLLAR COMPANY,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1916. [495]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore existing between **JAMES FRANCIS WRIGHT** and **THOMAS WILD HORNBY**, carrying on Business as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS under the style or Firm of **WRIGHT & HORNBY**, has been dissolved as from the date hereof. All Contracts entered into by the said late Firm will be carried out for them by **ANDREW HUGH GILMORE JACKSON** and **PERCY TESTER**, who will continue to carry on the said Business in Partnership under the style or Firm of **WRIGHT & HORNBY**.
Dated the 31st day of March, 1916.
J. F. WRIGHT,
T. W. HORNBY,
A. H. G. JACKSON,
P. TESTER. [496]

HAPPY VALLEY.

A CUP has been kindly presented by Mr. E. V. D. Parr for a competition under the following conditions:—
The best cards comprising 27 holes, viz., two cards of 18 and 9 holes or three cards of 9 holes. Medal play under handicap during the month of April.
In the case of 9 hole cards half handicaps to be allowed, fractions of a half counting as one.
Any number of cards may be taken out. Entrance fee of 25 cents per card of 9 holes or 40 cents per card of 18 holes, the proceeds to go to the Blue Cross Fund.
Competitors are requested to enter their names in the book in the Club House before starting.
T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 1st, 1916. [498]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE COMPANY regrets that owing to the INCREASED COST OF MATERIALS, it is compelled to make the following Alterations in its terms of business:—
The Price of Gas for all purposes will be raised to \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic feet as from the 1st April.

Hire of Cookers, Geysers and other Cooking and Heating Apparatus will be continued, but the Cost of Labour and Materials used in fixing these goods will be charged to consumers.
The Labour and Materials used in fixing Lighting Fittings will also be charged to the customer.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1916. [497]

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT 7% SILVER LOAN OF 1886, E.

50TH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

INTEREST due and **DRAWN BONDS** of this LOAN will be Payable at the Office of the Corporation on and after the 31st March, 1916.

List of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on application to the undersigned.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Agents issuing the Loan,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1916. [499]

RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916 for Rbs. 2,000,000,000.

SUBSCRIPTION to the above LOAN will be opened from 28th March till 5th May inclusively.

The Price of issue is 95%.

The Loan is entirely free of Income Tax and of other taxation.

The Loan is redeemable at par on 1st February 1926, Russian style, without option for the Russian Government to convert it at an earlier date.

Coupons are payable half-yearly on the 1st February and 1st August, Russian style. As interest on the above loan runs from 1st/14th February, the interest accrued on date of subscription must be taken into consideration and is to be added to the price of issue.

The Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hongkong is ready to accept applications for the above-named Loan.

Special favourable rates will be quoted for Russian exchange.

Payment may also be made in Roubles. Applications will be wired to Petrograd free of telegraphic charges and commission.

40% only of the cost of the Bonds may be paid on application, the balance to be paid on receipt of the Bonds.

The Bank is also ready to give every facility to subscribers in the shape of advances against the scrip.

TISDALL,
Manager,
RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.
Hongkong, 30th March, 1916. [490]

INTIMATIONS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

MT. AUSTIN THEATRE, THE PEAK.

A Theatrical Performance by Children Entitled,

"HUMPTY DUMPTY"

or
"THE GREEDY KNAVE."

will be given in Aid of the VETERANS' CLUB, in the Theatre at Mt. Austin Barracks, The Peak, on

THURSDAY, 13th APRIL, 1916, at 6.15 P.M.,

and
SATURDAY, 15th APRIL, 1916, at 9.15 P.M.

Seats will not be reserved, but Tickets will be shortly be procurable at Messrs. MOUTRIE'S and at other places. Further particulars will be announced.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1916. [495]

MUSKETRY CONTEST.

NAVAL, MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES (Regular and Auxiliary).

TEAM AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT,

EASTER MONDAY, April 24th, 1916.

Teams of three from each Branch of each Service in the Colony.

107 yards—Grouping.

200 yards—Deliberate and Disappearing Targets.

500 yards—Deliberate.

600 yards—Deliberate.

No Entrance Fee.

Tiffin on the Range.

Conditions and Description of Targets will be issued.

Letters on this matter have been addressed to Commanding Officers.

F. C. JENKIN,
Deputy Supt. of Police (R),
Prinsep's Buildings.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1916.

8% MILITARY LOAN.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS DRAWN AT SECOND DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Public that at the Second Drawing for Redemption of the Eight Per Cent. Military Loan Bonds held on February 20th, 1916, \$1,150,000 worth of Bonds have been drawn, which amount constitutes one-fifth of the Bonds recognised by this Ministry.

Numbers of Drawn Bonds will soon be published in the Government Gazette and other newspapers. Repayment of Bonds in Singapore, Batavia and the Philippine Islands will be made by the Branch Offices of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at these places. In Cuba, repayments will be made by the CHUNGHWA GUILD; in Yokohama by the CHINESE CONSULATE-GENERAL; in Kiangsi by the Kiangsi Bank in Fukieng by the BANK OF CHINA; in Peking by the BANK OF CHINA. Besides the above cases, Repayments of Drawn Bonds will generally be made by the BANK OF CHINA, Shanghai. Drawn Bonds when presented must be accompanied by all remaining coupons, as all such Bonds are not entitled to any further interest after the payment of the Eighth Coupon. If all remaining coupons (beginning with the ninth coupon) are not presented together with the Drawn Bonds, then the total amount represented by these Coupons shall be deducted from the principal to be repaid. Drawn Bonds must be presented for repayment within five years from the date of Second Drawing, after which period of five years, such Bonds shall become null and void.

List of Numbers of 8 per cent. Military Bonds Drawn at the Second Drawing held on February 20th, 1916:—

NUMBERS OF \$1000 BONDS:—

5	8	72	75	78	81
134	89	94	95	125	129
189	135	205	296	291	301
321	324	325	328	343	370
371	374	375	406	473	3004
3005	3010	3910	3963	3991	4044
4126	4152	4207	4233	4254	4303
4264	4314	4317	4323	4324	4326
10479	10500	11701	11705	11760	11786
11698	11694	11922	11943	12165	12191
12548	12574	12602	12623	12764	12790
12845	12871	12863	12879	13464	13495
13514	13538	13589	13633	13664	13688
13698	13699				

NUMBERS OF \$100 BONDS:—

63	124	1333	1444	1476	1537
1544	1553	1665	1695	1750	1789
1976	2006	2123	2135	2247	2277
2309	2339	2562	2592	2697	2702
7059	7089	7652	7682	8311	8535
9001	9009	11138	11351	11459	11072
11994	12100	12315	12421	13064	13170
13385	13491	13538	13563	13765	13788
16428	16534	18230	18360	18292	18322
18385	18506	18568	18639	19182	19288
20145	20251	21643	21749	21857	21933
22499	22605	22820	22926	23249	23354
31854	31960	39059	39165	39590	39593
39701	39807				

NUMBERS OF \$10 BONDS:—

1233	1992	8333	9592	9973	10500
10523	10744	11843	11964	12028	12147
12331	12391	12514	12574	12941	13001
13124	13184	13368	13428	13490	13550
14039	14099	14883	14943	15015	15075
15381	15441	15801	15861	16184	16194
16258	16307	16491	16493	16501	16504
47885	48264	49025	49404	51085	52064
52825	53204	54345	54724	55103	55482
56835	57214	58355	58734	59113	59492
60503	60882	62023	62402	62781	63160
64349	64728	65869	66248	66627	67006
68155	68534	69675	70054	70433	70812
72000	72379	73520	73899	74278	74657
75800	76179	77320	77699	78078	78457
79600	79979	81120	81499	81878	82257
83400	83779	84920	85299	85678	86057
87200	87579	88720	89099	89478	89857
91400	91779	92920	93299	93678	94057
95600	95979	97120	97499	97878	98257
99400	99779	100920	101299	101678	102057
103200	103579	104720	105099	105478	105857
107000	107379	108520	108899	109278	109657
111400	111779	112920	113299	113678	114057
115400	115779	116920	117299	117678	118057
119400	119779	120920	121299	121678	122057
123400	123779	124920	125299	125678	126057
127400	127779	128920	129299	129678	130057
131400	131779	132920	133299	133678	134057
135400	135779	136920	137299	137678	138057
139400	139779	140920	141299	141678	142057
143400	143779	144920	145299	145678	146057
147400	147779	148920	149299	149678	150057
151400	151779	152920	153299	153678	154057
155400	155779	156920	157299	157678	158057
159400	159779	160920	161299	161678	162057
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175400	175779	176920	177299	177678	178057
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183400	183779	184920	185299	185678	186057
187400	187779	188920	189299	189678	190057
191400	191779	192920	193299	193678	194057
195400	195779	196920	197299	197678	198057
199400	199779	200920	201299	201678	202057
203400	203779	204920	205299	205678	206057
207400	207779	208920	209299	209678	210057
211400	211779	212920	213299	213678	214057
215400	215779	216920	217299	217678	218057
219400	219779	220920	221299	221678	222057
223400	223779	224920	225299	225678	226057
227400	227779	228920	229299	229678	230057
231400	231779	232920	233299	233678	234057
235400	235779	236920	237299	237678	238057
239400	239779	240920	241299	241678	242057
243400	243779	244920	245299	245678	246057
247400	247779	248920	249299	249678	250057
251400	251779	252920	253299	253678	254057
255400	255779	256920	257299	257678	258057
259400	259779	260920	261299	261678	262057
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275400	275779	276920	277299	277678	278057
279400	279779	280920	281299	281678	282057
283400	283779	284920	285299	285678	286057
287400	287779	288920	289299	289678	290057
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295400	295779	296920	297299	297678	298057
299400	299779	300920	301299	301678	302057
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307400	307779	308920	309299	309678	310057
311400	311779	312920	313299	313678	314057
315400	315779	316920	317299	317678	318057
319400	319779	320920	321299	321678	322057
323400	323779	324920	325299	325678	326057
327400	327779	328920	329299	329678	330057
331400	331779	332920	333299	333678	334057
335400	335779	336920	337299	337678	338057
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THE WAR.

FURIOUS FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

BRITISH FRONT AGAIN EXTENDED.

ITALIANS HEAVILY ENGAGED.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN AIR.

BELGIUM'S PITIFUL PLIGHT.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

FIERCE FIGHTING. FRENCH SUCCESSFUL AT AVOCOURT.

PARIS, March 30th.
3.55 p.m.

The French have been successful in the very fierce fighting at Avocourt. A communiqué states that a series of German counter-attacks were all defeated by artillery and machine-gun fire, while the infantry caused great havoc in the enemy's ranks, especially before the Avocourt redoubt, where there were heaps of German corpses on the ground.

French air-squadrons dropped heavy bombs on the Metz-Ablon station, and also on those at Pagny-sur-Moselle and Maizières-les-Metz.

The Germans did not attempt a fresh effort at Malancourt.

There was an intermittent bombardment east of the Meuse and in Woëvre.

The Germans again tried the device of floating a large number of mines down the Meuse at St. Mihiel, but these did no damage.

Southward of the Somme, the Germans, after a violent bombardment, penetrated an advanced portion of our line at Vermandoviller, northward of Chaubais, but they were instantly driven out.

GERMANS AGAIN ATTACK AT DOUAUMONT.

ENEMY LOSSES HEAVILY AND GAINS NOTHING.

PARIS, March 31st.
2.30 a.m.

The evening communiqué says:—In Argonne, we vigorously bombarded Malancourt Wood, and destroyed a German trench and post by means of mines.

West of the Meuse, the bombardment in the Malancourt region continues, but there was no infantry action.

East of the Meuse the Germans in the morning violently attacked our positions at the approaches to Fort de Douaumont, employing liquid flames, but they were completely repulsed. A second attack at the same point a little later was equally unsuccessful and also cost the enemy heavy losses.

There was intermittent artillery activity in Woëvre.

Our aviators were most active during the day. One brought down a Fokker in Champagne. It fell in flames in the enemy's lines.

Five enemy aeroplanes were brought down in the Verdun region. Our machines were often struck, but all the pilots returned unharmed.

Anti-aircraft guns brought down an enemy aeroplane five yards from our trenches, south of the Somme, and both airmen were killed. One of its machine-guns was brought into our lines. A German aeroplane was felled in Champagne.

CARE OF BRITISH GRAVES. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FORMED.

LONDON, March 31st.

The Government have appointed a National Committee, under the presidency of the Prince of Wales, to provide for the permanent care of the graves of the British who have fallen in France and Belgium. At a meeting of the Committee which was held on March 27th, it was mentioned that the French Government were acquiring, at their own cost, the land in which British troops had been buried.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN ATTACK STOPPED. DRIVEN BACK TO TRENCHES.

LONDON, March 30th.

A British communiqué says:—There was artillery activity north of Souchez and south of St. Eloi, about Wiltje, and Boesinghe. Hostile bombers succeeded in reaching the easternmost of the craters at St. Eloi.

South of Boesinghe, after a bombardment, a small party of the enemy tried to leave their trenches, but were immediately driven back by our fire.

One of our aeroplanes is missing.

BRITISH FRONT AGAIN LENGTHENED.

A TERRIFIC MINE EXPLOSION AT ST. ELOI.

LONDON, March 31st.

Router's correspondent at the British headquarters states that the British now hold a fourth of the entire Western front. The taking over of the additional sector was carried out with great skill and secrecy, releasing large French forces when these were most valuable elsewhere. A German officer who was captured at St. Eloi pitifully described the effect of an explosion which was referred to in the communiqué of the 27th. He said:—"A huge volcanic upheaval sent two companies of my battalion entirely to hell." He added that the explosion displaced masses of earth which blocked the reinforcements which were coming to dispute the cheering onset of the Fusiliers.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE SPRING CAMPAIGN. GERMAN PREPARATIONS.

PETERSBURG, March 31st.

The Spring campaign on the northern front is expected to begin in earnest after the opening of the Gulf of Riga, approximately the end of April, when it is believed that General von Hindenburg will be reinforced by reserves and heavy guns. An important part will be assigned to the German fleet in the forthcoming offensive. It is at present assembling at Libau in anticipation of a renewed attempt to force an entry into the Gulf, in conjunction with a land attack on Riga.

GERMANS' ABORTIVE EFFORTS BEFORE DVINSK.

PETERSBURG, March 31st.

A communiqué says:—Two German attacks in the Jacobstadt sector and one south of Dvinsk were repulsed.

CAUCASUS CAMPAIGN. TURKS WHO FOUGHT IN GALLI- POLI CAPTURED.

PETERSBURG, March 31st.

A communiqué states that the Russians in the Caucasus captured 400 Turks belonging to a Regiment which had fought in Gallipoli. It was commanded by a German.

ITALIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VENICE RAIDED.

ROME, March 30th.

Enemy aeroplanes raided Venice on Monday, slightly wounding six persons.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AN AUSTRIAN AIR RAID. MEETS WITH DISASTER.

ROME, March 30th.

The Austrians met with disastrous failure in a great strategic air-raid which was aimed at paralyzing supplies and creating havoc behind the Italian lines. Seventeen aeroplanes and twelve seaplanes participated, but they only succeeded in wounding five civilians, and they lost four powerful aeroplanes and eight aviators. The seaplanes did not even reach their objective owing to anti-aircraft guns. It was a real defeat of the enemy.

VIOLENT AUSTRIAN ATTACKS. ENEMY ROUTED AND PUT TO FLIGHT.

ROME, March 30th.

A communiqué says:—There has been heavy artillery fighting in the Montenegro zone and north-west of Gorizia. The enemy at nightfall violently attacked in the latter region, but was constantly repulsed. He returned with fresh troops, which were eventually routed and put to flight by a counter-attack.

The Italians on the Carso Plateau captured a strong trench with the bayonet, and repulsed numerous counter-attacks. The Italians took 400 prisoners in these actions.

ITALIANS' OBJECT ATTAINED.

ROME, March 30th.

The activity on the Italian front has completely achieved its object, preventing Austrians from reinforcing the Germans at Verdun or Riga.

THE BALKANS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OPERATIONS ON GREEK FRONTIER.

GREAT AERIAL ACTIVITY.

PARIS, March 31st.

An official account of operations on the Greek frontier says that the activity of German patrols was observed on the 13th inst. French forces advanced to the frontier south of Ghevgeli, and an enemy detachment which had occupied the Greek village of Macukovo on the 16th were driven out on the following day.

A Zeppelin on the 16th bombed the roadstead of Karaburun, where many ships were anchored, but effected no damage.

French artillery on the 20th bombarded camps on the frontier and the stations of Mrzanti and Ghevgeli.

Twenty-three French aeroplanes on the 24th bombed the camps of Volovca, west of Lake Doiran. A French pilot was hit and fell into the lake. Another was forced to land, but succeeded in returning to our lines after burning his machine.

A pilot brought down an Albatross on the 25th inst, when the French air squadron bombed the camp at Podgoriza.

An enemy air squadron bombed Salonika on the 26th inst, killing 20 and wounding 26 Greek civilians. French aeroplanes pursuing the raiders, brought down three of the enemy machines.

Large British cavalry forces on the 27th inst. took up positions near the French advance guards.

A party of French Cavalry on the 29th inst. put to flight enemy troops in Greek territory, between Ghevgeli and Doiran. The German artillery has been very active along the whole of the frontier.

FOUR ENEMY AEROPLANES FELLED.

SALONIKA, March 30th.

Four enemy aeroplanes were felled in the recent raid.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WORK OF BRITISH NAVY. PREVENTING COTTON REACHING GERMANY.

NEW YORK, March 31st.

Government statistics of the export of cotton to countries adjoining Germany show a remarkable decrease since August. This is regarded as proving that the British Navy has effectively stopped the leakage.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SUBMARINE WARFARE. MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, March 31st.

The *Lynnia Westall* and the *Kilbride* have been sunk, the latter on the 1st inst.

[The *Kilbride* is a steel vessel of 5,712 gross tonnage, belonging to Napier and Connell, Glasgow.]

[The *Lynnia Westall* is a Sunderland vessel, of 3,151 gross tonnage, owned by James Westall.]

THE "MANCHESTER ENGINEER."

WASHINGTON, March 30th.

The United States has asked Germany whether the *Manchester Engineer* was torpedoed.

TORPEDOED STEAMER'S CREW.

LONDON, March 30th.

Of the crew of the steamer *Minneapolis*, 200 have now been landed at Malta. The total missing are 18.

FAR EASTERN MAILS LOST.

LONDON, March 30th.

In the House of Commons the Postmaster-General said that more than half of the mails on board the *Suisse* for Egypt, India, Australia, and the Far East, amounting to over 1,000 bags, were lost.

CAPTURED RUSSIAN WAR- SHIPS RETURNED.

LONDON, March 30th.

Reuter's Agency says it is confirmed that Japan has returned the Russian warships *Sagami* (1 *Sagami*), *Tango*, and *Soya*, captured during the Russo-Japanese War.

The *Sagami* (ex *Peresviet*), 12,674 tons, was completed in 1901. She carries four 12-inch and ten 6-inch guns.

The *Tango* (ex *Poltava*), 10,930 tons, was completed in 1898. She is armed with four 12-inch and twelve 6-inch guns.

The *Soya* (ex *Varyag*), 8,550 tons, was completed in 1900. Her principal armament is twelve 6-inch guns.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BAGDAD EXPEDITION. QUESTIONS IN THE LORDS.

LONDON, March 30th.

In the House of Lords, Lord Beresford asked—Was Major-General Townshend consulted with reference to the Bagdad Expedition? He had less than a Division when he started, and should have had not less than three. Was Major-General Townshend or General Sir John Nixon (Commander-in-Chief at the time) responsible for the advance on Ctesiphon?

Lord Islington—I am unable to answer the first question, the Government having no information with reference to the purpose of any conversation between General Townshend and General Sir J. Nixon prior to the advance. Similarly, nothing is known of any representations addressed to General Nixon by General Townshend with reference to the advance on Ctesiphon, which was authorised by the Imperial Government on the advice of General Nixon and the Raj. It is impossible at present to discuss the strength of the Forces in Mesopotamia, either past or present. The forces, both British and Indian, have displayed courage and endurance which, when the history of the great war is unfolded, would compare favourably with other operations in any part of the world.

Lord Islington added that though he was obliged at present to give a very imperfect answer to Lord Beresford's criticisms, the Government in no wise desired to evade responsibility. The Government were prepared, when the public interest would no longer suffer thereby, to face the closest scrutiny of everything leading up to events in Mesopotamia.

Lord Crew, supplementing Lord Islington's remarks, stated that there had not been a single instance in the war in which a Military or Naval commander had been asked to undertake an operation with a force which he had declared to be insufficient. He made that statement without the smallest reserve.

LAND FOR HEROES.

LONDON, March 31st.

The Chartered Company proposes to grant half a million acres of free land to ex-soldiers and settlers from Overseas.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MISMANAGEMENT IN MESOPOTAMIA.

COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION.

LONDON, March 30th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Malcolm asked whether Mr. Chamberlain would appoint an independent Commission to investigate the share of the Military and Financial members of the Viceroy's Council in the conduct of the Mesopotamian campaign.

Mr. Chamberlain—No. I have instructed a Commission fearlessly to ascertain and define the responsibility for the breakdown of relief, whether individual or a system are to blame. Until the Commission has reported I can not say whether a further enquiry would be necessary. The Viceroy has informed me that he has invited Mr. E. A. Riddell, now en route from England, to join the Commission as a member.

PLIGHT OF BELGIUM. THREE MILLIONS DESTITUTE.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

LONDON, March 30th.

Reuter's Agency has been requested by the National Committee for the Relief of the Belgians to publish a fresh and urgent appeal for more funds. The appeal is signed by the Lord Mayor of London, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Bourne, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the President of the Free Church Council, the Chief Rabbi, the Duke of Norfolk, Lords Lansdowne, Rosebery and Bryce, Mr. John Redmond, and others.

It says:—The number of destitute Belgians in Belgium exceeds three millions, mostly women and children. Since the last appeal was made it has been conclusively proved that the Germans, contrary to every civilised precedent, adhere to the intention not to support the Belgian population or supply them with food. That Lord Robert Cecil in announcing the above intention did not overestimate the calculated cruelty thereof is shown by the fact that the civilian population of Poland has been allowed to die like flies.

Over 200,000 able-bodied Poles have been driven into Germany to work the mines and industries, thus freeing 200,000 Germans to fight. The same would undoubtedly happen in Belgium but for the food reaching the Belgians through the Allies. It has also been definitely ascertained that food sent to Belgium does not reach or benefit Germans.

The Neutral Relief Commission, conducted under the supervision of the American and Spanish Legations, has been accurately described by Lord Curzon as an absolute miracle of scientific organisation. The Commission now urgently appeals for further contributions.

The original appeal produced over a million and a half pounds sterling, but this is almost millions short of what is required. Over seven million defenceless civilians in Belgium are suffering tyranny almost inconceivable. Nevertheless they have maintained a courageous passive resistance and have refused to work for the Germans. Practically half of this population is now destitute and live on a pitiful ration.

Donations and subscriptions should be sent to local committees, or to Mr. Shirley Bess, M.P., Trafalgar Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London.

The King has given £500 and the Queen £250 in response to this appeal.

ARMIES OF PARIS. NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

PARIS, March 30th.

General Dubail has been appointed Governor of Paris and Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of Paris, replacing General Maunoury, who has retired for reasons of health.

THE ROME CONFERENCE.

PARIS, March 30th.

Mr. Asquith has gone to Rome to attend an important conference.

NEW FRENCH LOAN.

PARIS, March 31st.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Ribot (the Finance Minister) announced that a new loan was necessary.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN CONSUL DETAINED.

AN ACT OF REPRISAL.

LONDON, March 31st.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that the German Consul who was deported from Salonika had been detained by the French Government at our request, pending the release of the British Consul at Shiraz.

PRINCE OF WALES WITH AUSTRALIANS.

CAIRO, March 31st.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales paid several visits to the Dominion troops and attended an inspection of the Australians, after which he was loudly cheered. The simplicity of His Royal Highness' life and the unceremoniousness of his appearance, has enhanced his popularity with the soldiers.

HYDE BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, March 31st.

The Hyde bye-election resulted as follows:—

Jacobson 4,089
Davies 3,215

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, March 31st.

Sir J. D. Rees asked in the House of Commons whether the Indian Budget will be discussed this Session.

Mr. Chamberlain—I will consult the Premier.

CLEVELAND TRAIN DISASTER. MANY CASUALTIES.

NEW YORK, March 31st.

It is now estimated that thirty persons have been killed and forty injured in the train disaster at Cleveland, Ohio.

THE CHINESE REBELLION.

CHUNGKING, March 31st.

The rebels have captured Peng-shui.

[HAWAII SERVICE.]

FRENCH STOCK.

French stock now stands at 3 per cent. Pcs. 63.25 and 5 per cent. 88.25.

SHAMEEN NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SHAMEEN, March 30th.

THE SITUATION TO-DAY.

Last night passed uneventfully, and the excitement of yesterday has visibly subsided. The more nervous ones, however, regard it as the calm before the storm. This would, indeed, seem to be the case, judging by the number of boxes which continue to be brought into Shameen from the City and by the exodus of residents in the old City to safer quarters at Sakki (opposite Shameen, Canal side) and at Honam.

An amusing incident is reported to have taken place in the City yesterday. Whilst a regiment of troops was passing along a street near the old City an empty kerosene tin fell from the top of a house a few paces away from them. Mistaking the resounding noise the tin made when it came in contact with mother earth as an attempt to bomb them, the soldiers are alleged to have wheeled round and fired a volley into the direction whence the tin came. Whether this was an accident or the work of a practical joker, or the act of a 'patriot' who desired to create a disturbance, is not stated.

MONGOOSES WANTED.

BOARDCITY OF ANIMALS THAT KILL TRENCH RATS.

An army officer searched all London the other day for a mongoose. He had received a piteous letter from friends in the trenches asking for one of these valuable little beasts—a sure cure for rat-plague. He was told that one could only be secured if a private individual happened to have one to dispose of, and the price would be about £5 10s.

Mr. Cecil Isaacs, of the Royal Managery, Shaftesbury Avenue, told a representative of *The Daily Chronicle* that the mongoose is the only animal that can be depended upon to rid a trench of rats.

"A ferret," he said, "will kill for the sake of eating. But a mongoose kills for the sake of killing. I guarantee that any trench with a mongoose will not suffer from rats. The difficulty is to get a mongoose. I have sent out half a dozen recently to France, but live stock is not being shipped to England now, and the home of the mongoose is Ceylon."

"The only chance is to seek out private owners and ask them to sell. Many inquiries have reached me from officers at the front. Even the ferret is scarce."

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" ... S.S. "SALAMIS" ... 25th April.

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Hongkong 17th March, 1916.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW AND SINGAPORE	"CHAOCHOW" ...	On 1st Apr. 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN" ...	On 2nd Apr. 11 A.M.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"KATFONG" ...	On 2nd Apr. 11 A.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"CHINHUA" ...	On 4th Apr. 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI" ...	On 4th Apr. 4 P.M.
TIENSIN	"HUICHOW" ...	On 6th Apr. 3 P.M.

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For SWATOW.

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to	3 P.M. Friday	Str. from Colombo	1916	1916
MALTA	April 7	KHIVA	May 8	May 15
NAGOYA	April 21	MOOLTAN	May 22	May 29
NAMUR	May 5	KASHGAR	June 5	June 12
NANKIN	May 19	KARMALA	June 19	June 26
NOVARA	June 2	MOHEA	July 3	July 10
MALTA	June 16	KHYBER	July 17	July 24
NAGOYA	June 30	MEDINA	July 31	Aug. 7

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	LEAVE HONGKONG ABOUT
NAMUR	THURSDAY, 13th April.
NANKIN	SATURDAY, 22nd April.
NOVARA	SATURDAY, 6th May.
MALTA	SATURDAY, 20th May.

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NYANZA	July 5	July 12	Aug. 11	Aug. 20
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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	TONS	SAILING DATES
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VICTORIA, B.O. and SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA	\$ SADO MARU Capt. Murasumi \$ AWAMARU Capt. Inoue	12,500 12,500	TUESDAY, 4th Apr. at Noon. TUESDAY, 18th Apr. at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, BANGORANG, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE	\$ NIKKO MARU Capt. Takeda \$ AKI MARU Capt. Yoshikawa	9,600 12,600	FRIDAY, 14th Apr. at 4 P.M. TUESDAY, 16th May, at 11 A.M.
COLOMBO VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON	\$ TOSA MARU Capt. Sakamoto	10,000	SATURDAY, 1st Apr. at Noon.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA and COLOMBO	\$ BOMBAY MARU Capt. Kobayashi	8,000	MONDAY, 10th April.
MOJI and KOBE	\$ KIRIN MARU Capt. Sakaki	8,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th April.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	\$ JINSEN MARU Capt. Ohta	8,000	TUESDAY, 4th April.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	\$ AKI MARU Capt. Yoshikawa	12,500	FRIDAY, 14th Apr. at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	\$ HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	14,000	TUESDAY, 4th Apr. at 10 A.M.

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† PERSIA MARU	9,000 — 17 knots	FRIDAY 21st April.
TENYO MARU	22,000 — 21 knots	SAT., 6th May.
† SEIYO MARU	14,000 — 14 knots	THURS., 11th May.
† NIPPON MARU	11,000 — 15 knots	TUESDAY, 16th May.
SHIYO MARU	22,000 — 21 knots	WED., 31st May.

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